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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

Thomas M. BAER et al.

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For: CONSUMABLE FOR LASER  
CAPTURE MICROLISSECTION

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to prosecution of the above-identified application, applicants request the following amendments be entered and remarks considered.